

AUG 27 1951

Mr. Harold E. Stassen, Chairman
1951 Crusade Drive
Crusade for Freedom
308 Empire State Building
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Stassen:

Though your Crusade has no more faithful a believer than I, my desire to take to the stump in this year's campaign for funds is unfortunately restrained by the prudence I must exercise in this job. The theory persists that the best intelligence officer is also the most anonymous one. And thus while I am part of this trade I must observe these conventions. You know, of course, how much we value your tremendously important good work, how grateful we are that citizens like you should devote so much time and effort to it.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Smith
Director

ODCI/CBH:nhh

Distribution:

- Orig & 1 - Addressee
- 1 - Admin Files w/basic
- 2 - Signer ✓
- 2 - Originator

STAT